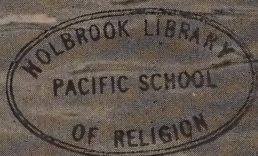


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Conference Summer Schedule

Following the close of the four Pilgrim Fellowship Camps at Wa-Shun-Ga on June 21, Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Rymph will leave Kansas City by plane early June 23 for Boston, where they will attend the General Council sessions June 24-30.

From July 2-8 they will attend a Seminar on "World Missions Today" along with nine other minister and wife couples at Old Orchard Beach, Maine. Three six-day seminars are being sponsored by the American Board the first three weeks in July with 10 ministers and wives attending each week. National church leaders from overseas, distinguished missionaries, Missions Council and American Board staff will provide leadership. Dr. David M. Stowe is Dean of the Seminars. The Rymph's will return to Kansas on July 9.

During the absence of the Rymph's, June 23-July 9, the Conference Office will be open mornings only, from 9 to 12. Either Mrs. John Schlarb or Miss Eva Wolford will be in attendance each morning. They will care for A/V requests, check the mail and attend to other details. Dr. and Mrs. Rymph will be out of the office one week early in August, but will not be out of the state.

See You This Fall

This is the last issue of "Congregational Kansas" until September. Articles and news items for that number should reach the Conference Office by August 15.

Can You Help?

A filmstrip with record on Visitation Evangelism titled "Bringing Christ to the Home" has been loaned and not returned. The borrower was not recorded. Please check your A/V files.

Family Camp Almost Full

As we go to press, nineteen families have registered for the Kansas Family Camp to be held at Estes Park July 27 to August 2. These families in addition to the leadership families fill the camp to capacity.

The 19 families with a total of 41 children are: The Robert Langenwalter's and Byron McDaniel's of Wichita Plymouth; the Burke Bayer's and Everett Stille's of Manhattan; the Richard Emmon's of Clinton, Iowa; the Martin Brockway's and J. R. Cheney's of Ottawa; the Fred Zuta-vern's of Great Bend; the John Lockwood's of Whitewater; the David Eckelman's, the Frank Brown's, the Ralph Hoke's and the Chester Nesbit's of Prairie Village; the Conrad McCracken's of Gorham; the Jim Russell's and Henry Benthrop's of Garden City; the Charles Carpenter's of Topeka Central; the Harvey Young's of K. C. Wellborn and the Ralph Hoover's of McPherson.

Leadership families are the Phil Felton's of Great Bend—Directors; the Marcus Emmon's of Clinton, Iowa; the Julian Johnson's of Manhattan; the Kenneth Martin's of K. C. Wellborn and Miss Lillian Picken of Indiana.

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Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Davidson

Davidson's To Seabrook

The Rev. Floyd Q. Davidson, minister of The First Congregational Church at Oskaloosa, Iowa, accepted a unanimous call to the Seabrook Congregational Church in Topeka and will begin his ministry there July 1st.

The Davidsons came to Fairmount Church, Wichita in 1939 when the Rymph's left that church to take up work in the Conference. They served Fairmount for 10 years. Mr. Davidson then served as Executive Secretary of Wichita Council of Churches before going to the Iowa pastorate where he has been almost five years.

Returning to Kansas will be a homecoming for Floyd and Esther as they are native Kansans from the Plevna Community. Floyd attended Washburn 2 years and later received his degree from Wichita University. He graduated from Chicago Theological Seminary in 1935.

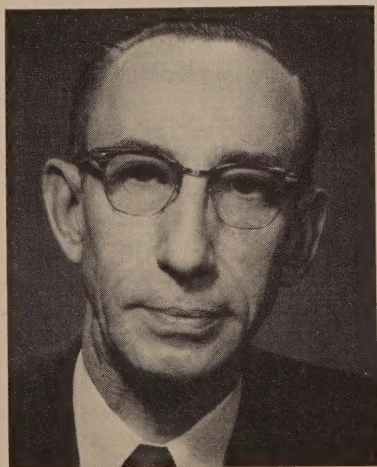
Mrs. Davidson is talented in music and work with children.

The Davidsons have three sons: George who lives with his family in Myrtle Point, Oregon, where he teaches in High School; John D. Davidson's in business in Newton, recently adopted their second child; Forrest and Gloria with their four children live in Manhattan where Forrest is in charge of music in High School, and directs the choir in First Congregational Church.

With six of their 12 grandchildren living in Kansas, we can understand the "pull" in this direction and we wish them the best in their new work.

Sedgwick Calls Minister

The Rev. Owen W. Prince, of Bethel, Kansas, recently accepted a call to our church at Sedgwick and began his work there June first. Mr. Prince comes to our fellowship from the Methodist Church where he has served thirty years. He is a graduate of Westminster Theological Seminary. For the past year he has been in business with his son in Kansas City. He has special interest in drama, literature and music.



Rev. Owen W. Prince

Ordination

On June 8, at Moline, Illinois, the Rev. George Hirst was ordained to the Christian Ministry and installed as minister of Union Congregational Church in that city. Mr. Hirst grew up in our Partridge Church and has just completed his seminary training at Chicago Theological Seminary. The Rev. Frank Richard, Chaplain at the Hutchinson Reformatory, for 18 years minister at Partridge delivered the ordination sermon. The Rev. Floyd Davidson also took part in the service.

To Mound City-Blue Mound

The Rev. Edward K. Suter, student at Central Baptist Seminary, has accepted a call to the Mound City-Blue Mound parish and moved his family to Blue Mound, June first. The Suter's have four girls: Sharon 11, Martha, 9, Deborah, 8 and Muriel, 7.



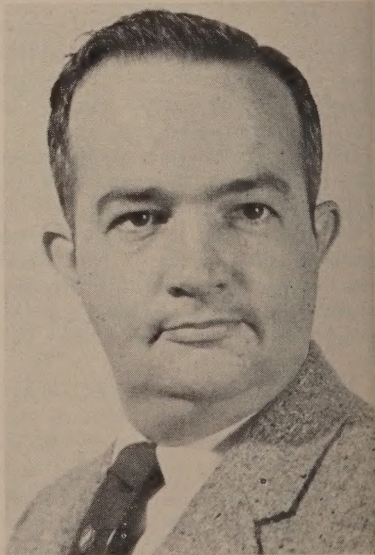
Rev. Sadaichi Asai

On May 9, 10 and 11, the Rev. Sadaichi Asai of Jericho, Vermont visited our Partridge Church and community and on May 18 was given a call to become minister of that Church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Asai are American born Japanese, natives of Los Angeles, California. Mr. Asai is a graduate of the University of California and Andover Newton Theological Seminary.

The Asai's have two sons, David John, age 4 and Paul Mark, 2. They will move to Partridge to begin work September first.

Associate Minister To Central

The Rev. Ernest H. Huntzinger, Jr., recently accepted a call to become Associate Minister at Topeka Central, and will assume his new duties August first. Mr. Huntzinger, a native of Pennsylvania, graduated from Bangor Theological Seminary this spring. Mrs. Huntzinger is a native of Maine and a graduate of the University of Maine.



Rev. Edward K. Suter



—Photo courtesy Wichita Eagle

Rev. George Dreher and Supt. Rymph

Progress At Our Newest Church

The above picture was taken at Wichita Concord on Sunday, May 4 when the Rev. George K. Dreher was installed as minister.

Each week brings new developments to the Country Acres area served by our Concord Church. On June first the new swimming pool and recreational area opened. A large shopping center at the corner of Central and Ridge Road, only a few blocks from our church center, is under construction. The area farther north around the church site is now being developed; new homes are being started daily.

In response to an appeal issued last fall by the Wichita Extension Committee, the following gifts for equipment and books have been received.

Almena Jr. S. S. Class\$ 3.30

Anthony Primary Dept.	7.00
Garfield Sunday School	5.00
Haven-Mayflower Circle	6.50
Haven Sunday School	10.00
Russell Church School	31.25
KC 1st Pilgrim Sunday School ..	6.50
KC Welborn Church School ..	100.00
Topeka First Sr. Hi P. F.	10.00
Topeka First—	

Mrs. Hugh Fisher	5.00
Wichita Fairmount	20.00
Wichita Frmt.—A. J. Hoare ..	50.00
Wichita Plymouth Guild	25.00

In addition, Mr. Roy Cotterill, a deacon in the McPherson Church, gave a large framed color print of Sallman's "Head of Christ". Wichita Plymouth is building several pieces of equipment for play and storage.

Mr. Dreher states: "We are very grateful to the givers and feel they are sharing in the important task here."

Building Fund

In addition to the \$293.27 balance from the Woman's Gift which was given to the Concord Building Fund, a gift of \$100.00 from Levi Zimmerman and \$100.00 from the Olathe Congregational Women has been sent. When we realize that our present church center, which is just a 3 bedroom house, now serves as the church, the fellowship center, and the religious education building in addition to being the home for the minister's family of seven, we feel sure others will want to help swell the Concord Building Fund.

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Enrolled in Seminary

Two Kansas boys are enrolled in Andover Newton Theological Seminary to begin their training in September.

Dave Cutting of Lenora graduated from Doane College in January. Also Duane Estes who graduated from K. U. this spring.

"So Much To Do— So Little Time!"

These last words of Cecil Rhodes were once read on the bulletin board of a church on a Sunday morning, and below them were four additional words: "Closed for the summer".

So much to do, but closed for the summer! It is often that way with Christian education efforts: infinite possibilities in the summer, but no attempt to do anything about them.

Do we have time enough? Of course, we do not. The constant complaint that sixty minutes a week is altogether inadequate for religious instruction is entirely valid. By simple arithmetic we can see that a year's perfect attendance in church school represents the equivalent in hours to only two weeks of public school instruction. We can ill afford to pass up the rich opportunities of the "vacation" period.

This does not mean the summer months should be merely a continuation of the same routine and procedures of the fall and winter program, in fact, it is better if it is quite different. Let it be less formal, with larger groups instead of small classes. Well chosen visual aids may be used to an advantage. The appreciation of religious art can be a meaningful experience; informal dramatization can be very effective (children are born actors, watch them at play.) Above all, keep it varied and keep it interesting. With the closing of public school, the mental machinery of the young pupil drops into a special "vacation" year and will most certainly rebel at any severe academic procedures.

Outdoor sessions provide an experience and an appreciation for "God's wonderful world", not possible in any other way.

The Vacation Church School, the summer youth camps and the family camps all present great possibilities for rewarding Christian experiences.

The summer session is usually most successful if led by an entirely different staff. Their new insights and enthusiasm can add greatly to the summer program.

Guard against the attitude that they are only an "interim" group. They need and deserve all the teaching aids and training available to the fall and winter staff.

The excuse that "everyone is away" is rarely well founded. The ability to tread water is most useful in swimming, but it has no place in the Christian education of our children.

LET'S MAKE THE MOST OF SUMMER!

—Frank Gurtler, Lawrence Plymouth, Conference Christian Education Committee Member

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Laymen Organize

Thirty four men of our Almena Church gathered recently for a dinner cooked and served by men. A program and election of officers followed.

Mr. Noble Short was elected President, Robert McClelland—Vice-President and Elton Bryant—Secretary-Treasurer.

Lenora laymen served the 3rd annual Mother-Daughter banquet to 109 on May Day. Leonard Cutting is President, L. R. Heikes—Vice-President and Robert Neal—Secretary-Treasurer. The Rev. John Becker is Minister of both Lenora and Almena.

**Send Key Young People
PLANNING AND
TRAINING CONFERENCE
Doane College — August 26-29**



Doneda Fiscus

Doane S.S.S. Girls Injured

On Mother's Day week-end, Kay Tucker and Peggy Currey, came to Lenora for a week-end of training preparatory to their Student Summer Service in Kansas churches. Mrs. Kay Brown, also a Doane College student brought them down in her car. Mrs. Carl Georgeson and Mrs. John Becker spent a busy week end in study and planning with the girls. Sunday afternoon they started back to Crete; nine miles out of Lenora they had a serious accident. Both Kay Tucker and Peggy Currey were seriously injured and were hospitalized at Norton for more than a week. Peggy will be able to proceed with S.S.S., but Kay Tucker was taken to a Lincoln, Nebraska hospital and will not be able to carry out her plans. Kay Brown had only bruises and returned to her studies at Doane after resting at home.

We are very happy to announce that Doneda Fiscus of Kansas City Welborn has consented to team with Peggy Currey and carry thru the S.S.S.

schedule. Doneda has been active in church activities since childhood, is a good pianist, has been a P. F. officer and attended Wa-Shun-Ga for five years, has taught in Church School and sings in the Church Choir. She participated in the Good Hope Work Camp and the first P & T Conference for Kansas P. F.

The S.S.S. schedule arranged by Mrs. Georgeson is:

June 8-21 - Wichita Concord
 June 22-28 - Wichita Mayflower
 June 29-July 12 - Almena
 July 13-19 - Maize
 July 20-Aug. 2 - Kinsley

Protestant Counselor At Wichita University

The Rev. Ray Ahrens, E. & R. minister from West Point, Penn., began his duties in mid April as the first Protestant Counselor on the W. U. Campus. His work as Counselor-Minister is being sponsored by seven Protestant denominations and the Wichita Council of Churches.

The purpose is to provide a religious tone to college life and to help young people as they search for truth in all fields. Mr. Ahrens states: "This ministry will leave the week-ends strictly to the churches; our activities will all be carried on throughout the week as a college-oriented complement to the churches' youth programs."

Our Congregational Christian fellowship is one of the seven denominations supporting this work known as the United Christian Fellowship. A portion of the amount allocated for Campus Ministry in Our Christian World Mission budget underwrites this worthwhile and needed work.

Mrs. Gibson To Europe

Europe is the destination of Mrs. John W. Gibson this summer. Her fourth trip abroad will be different from her other visits as she will tour only Europe and will be accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Mary Balderston Archer, also of Wichita, who will be looking after business interests. Mrs. Archer lived for a number of years in Athens, Greece and in the Caucasus area between the Black and the Caspian Seas.

Leaving Wichita June 23rd, Mrs. Gibson will be a delegate to both the General Council in Boston, Mass., June 24-30 and to the International Congregational Council in Hartford, Conn., July 2-10.

Mrs. Archer will fly to New York City and on July 11th the two sisters will leave by T.W.A. for Madrid, Spain. Spain's Iberia airline will take them to Geneva, Switzerland where the World Council of Churches has its headquarters.

American Congregationalists, Dr. Edgar H. S. Chandler, Dr. Howard Schomer and Dr. Raymond Dudley, are among the World Councils' personnel in Geneva.

A visit in France at Pont de Roide in Doubs where the Reverend and Mrs. Edward M. Brown, III, are working in cooperation with the Congregational Christian Service Committee, is planned with Basle, Switzerland as headquarters.

Travelling by rail, Mainz-Kastel across the Rhine from Mainz, Germany where Grossner Haus is being served by the Robert Starbuck, will be of importance in understanding the projects of the Service Committee.

The Reverend and Mrs. William Graffam, of Pomfret, Connecticut, are located in Gelnhausen, Germany which

is near Frankfort. Mrs. Gibson has included this project, as well as the other two centers in her itinerary.

Vienna, Stockholm, Copenhagen, Amsterdam, and Brussels finish the tour on the continent with England and Scotland its end.

Early in September, B.O.A.C., will bring Mrs. Gibson back to New York City from Glasgow, Scotland, with T.W.A., having her as a passenger to Wichita a day or so later.

McKenney's Sail

The Rev. Ned Burr and Mrs. McKenney with their daughters Mary and Margaret sailed from New York aboard S. S. "Statendam" on May 29. On Sunday, June 8, Mr. McKenney preached at the American Church in Paris and will preach on July 6 at the American Church in Athens.

Their tour includes France, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, Holland, England and Scotland. Early in July Mrs. McKenney and the girls will return to their cabin in New Hampshire. Mr. McKenney will go on to visit Greece, Turkey, Lebanon, Egypt, Jordan, and Israel. He plans to visit the Richard Maynard's in our American Board school at Tarsus.

Changes—G. C. Delegates

Mr. Al Pearson of Wichita Fairmount and Mr. Eugene Smith of Wichita Plymouth have found it impossible to go as delegates to General Council. These places are being filled by their alternates, the Rev. George Dreher of Wichita Concord and Mrs. John W. Gibson of Wichita Plymouth.

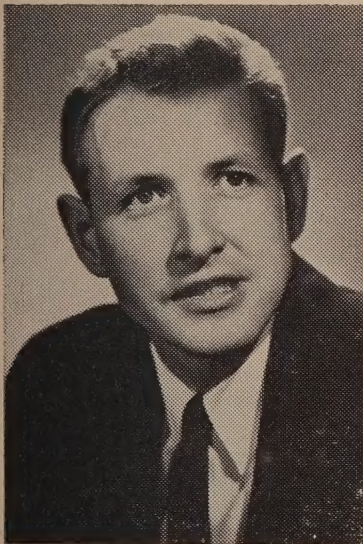
From Joe King

Word from Dr. Joseph King of Oberlin, formerly of Lawrence Plymouth, informs us of the death of their 12 year old mongoloid child on May 2 following a severe case of measles. The King's have three older children.

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Kent Thompson, President

Polly Plerson, Secretary



Ed Powers - Guest Leader

Ed Powers At P & T

Guest at the second annual Planning and Training Conference to be held at Doane College August 26-28 is the Rev. Ed Powers of Boston, National Secretary of Youth Work for C. C. Churches. Mr. Powers is the chief administrative officer of the 150,000 member Pilgrim Fellowship. He works with local, state and national groups in developing the total youth program. This wide scope covers organization, program direction and materials, summer camps and production of resource materials.

We feel very fortunate to have Ed Powers as leader at this important meeting. He will give special guidance to the Workshop for P.F. Sponsors and Youth Leaders.

We are also happy to have the sessions on the beautiful Doane Campus. A bus from Doane will take 50 or more from Topeka to Crete and return. Caravans of cars will go direct from other sections of the state. Not more than five from any one church may attend. The meeting is planned for leaders—from local groups, from the associations, and from the state.

The total cost for three nights lodging and eight meals is \$8.50. Make plans now to send your key young people and their sponsors. Further details will be sent to ministers and youth leaders about the middle of July.

New Color Filmstrips

Junior and Senior Hi Groups

"Your School Record Is Important"—Good use of school time and studies.

"What About Dates?"—Boy and girl relationships—good and bad judgments.

"Getting The Most Out of Your Day"—Concentrated use of time.

"If It Isn't Yours"—Respect for property.

"Getting Along With Your Brothers and Sisters"—Handling of family relationships.

"Do You Win Arguments and Lose Friends?"—Meaning of arguments.

"What Clothes Should I Wear?"—Importance of suitable and attractive clothing.

"Are You An Interesting Person?"—To develop worthwhile interests and social tact.

"Planning Ahead After High School"—Encourage YP to assess their abilities.



Mary Eitel

Wabaunsee Work Camp

Included in the Work Camp staff will be Mary Eitel of Great Bend who will be in charge of the camp meals. Also on the staff will be Suzanne Hertel of Doane College who will serve as Counselor of girls. The Rev. Louis Poppe and the Rev. Dan Tyson are serving as Director and Assistant.

Campers enrolled to date are:

Lydele Long and Vic Zuercher of Whitewater; Judy Gripton, Smith Center; Albert Beyer, Galen Weick, Sabetha; Glynis Gilbert, KC Welborn; Ann Heide and Sandra Gutau, Wichita Plymouth; Jerry Horton, KC Ruby; Karen Toburen, Manhattan; Nancy Partin, and Joy Stephen, Prairie Village; Dave Ashley, of Almena and Steve Hynding, San Francisco, Calif.

Other Work Campers

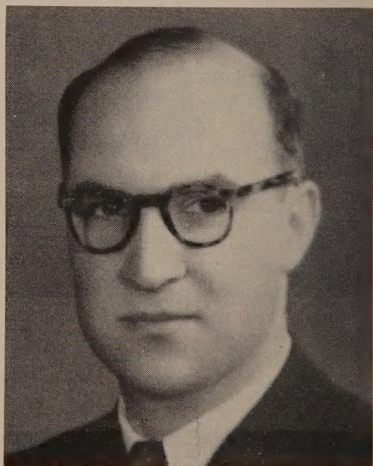
Richard Mullins, Jr., of Wichita Plymouth will invest his summer in an Inner-City Parish Project in Chicago where 15 volunteers will share in the parish ministry of the Warren Avenue C. C. Church in west-side Chicago.

Much of the community is an area of near blight where the rate of juvenile delinquency and adult crime is high. The work campers will supervise neighborhood play lots, repair and renovate homes, conduct Daily Vacation Church School, call on families and participate in other parish activities.

Kay Cutting Brown of Lenora will spend a few days with her brother Dave Cutting at the Service Center hotel in N.Y., before leaving for Switzerland. She will have training there before starting her work camp experience in Denmark, in which four young people from the U. S. will participate.

Douglas Gunn of Great Bend sails from Montreal on June 7. He will spend much of July in the British Isles and Europe. During August he will take part in the ecumenical Work Camp at Douma, Lebanon sponsored by the World Council of Churches.

Sally Miller of our McPherson Church will participate in a Work Camp in Europe this summer.



Garabed Suvajian - Wa-Shun-Ga Guest

Kansas Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Roscoe W. Graves, President



Mrs. Graves, New President

Summer Planning

The new 1958-59 Church Activities Calendar says, "The vacation season is too often left a blank in the calendar of church activities. Yet it can be made the most creative period of the entire church year." We agree that after the long busy months just passed, it is easy to take a vacation and forget church activities, but nothing is ever accomplished by so doing. As a rule we do not hold Fellowship meetings in our churches during the summer months, thus we have more time to plan for the future. NOW is the TIME for us to get busy and plan the programs and work out the details for our meetings which will begin in September.

June is the best time to do this

planning and for getting our yearbooks ready. Why June? Because we have just been to Retreat and have received the materials for our years' work. It is much better to plan while our minds and hearts are full of the guidance, inspiration and help that we received at Retreat.

As we study the contents of our Packets we may find that we will not have enough meetings to use the wealth of material that has been provided by the six departments, by the Program booklet and by the Mission study books. Then let us plan for a couple of extra meetings, also plan to use these materials for the Circle meetings. We might use some of the material for programs on Church Family nights during the winter. The minister will appreciate this help.

The Middle East is the world theme for our Mission study. This is the number one trouble spot in the world today, therefore it behooves us to be cognizant of what is taking place in that part of the world and why it is the festering sore that it is. A study of the materials offered on this topic will awaken in us a new responsibility toward the people of this area.

Our homeland theme, Christian Concerns for North American Neighbors, emphasizes the fact that Christian concern knows no boundaries. When we study the materials on this theme, we will learn to extend our love and concern, backed up by our prayers, to our neighbors several thousand miles away. We will widen the boundaries of our neighborliness, to the end that this world might some day become one Christian neighborhood.

If we study the new Manual, The Program Book, the Guide Book, the Missionary Books and the other material in the packets and use these things in our programs, our meetings this year will be so interesting and inspiring that more women will participate in our work. As a result the Woman's Gift will grow; Our Christian World Mission will increase; Friendly Service work will benefit; both young and old will develop knowledge and our spiritual lives will be strengthened.

Now is the time to be making plans to attend our Association meetings in the fall. All of us need the inspiration and fellowship we get when we are with others who are working toward the same goals that we are. Outstanding leadership on state and national levels will give us real incentive and stimulus for our work.

I appeal to each officer in the local Fellowship to assume the responsibility for seeing that this summer planning is accomplished. Deeds are the result of planning. Christ's Kingdom will come on earth only as we his children push ever onward.

The long summer days with no meetings to attend make a wonderful time to get some good books read. This summer if we plan well we can all have a real ADVENTURE IN READING. "As the soil, however rich it may be, can not be productive without culture, so the mind without cultivation can never produce good fruit."

Myrtle K. Graves

Study Theme A/V Helps

On "The Middle East"

"Turkey" — color filmstrip with record.

"Exiles in the Holy Land"—color filmstrip with record on refugee situation in Middle east - 16 min.

"To Sing Again"—color filmstrip with record on work of Our Service Committee.

"Let's Talk Turkey"—color filmstrip with record on work of American Board in Turkey.

"Islam"—color filmstrip with guide introducing the dominant religion of the Middle East.

"Travelin' Man"—color filmstrip with record for children - showing how Sammy helps those in dire need. 15 min.

"State of Gaza" — 15 minute recorded program on Middle East theme —good for women's groups.

On "North American Neighbors"

From Conference Office — for payment of postage.

"Mexico"—color filmstrip with recorded script.

"Waking Giant - Mexico"—black and white filmstrip with record. Presents Congregational mission work in Mexico-Guadalajara Social Center, College of Mazatlan, Union Seminary in Mexico City.

"This is Palmira"—color filmstrip with script on life and conditions in Mexico. Palmira, a Mexican girl lives in poor section of Guadalajara.

"My Name is Pablo"—black and white filmstrip with record. Story of a Mexican boy who goes to a mission school and returns to his people as a missionary doctor.

"New Frontiers of Faith" — 20 minute color sound movie on the work of our church in America.

"Puerto Rico-U.S.A."—color filmstrip with record shows our work in Puerto Rico—the people, the changes taking place, etc.

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Fellowship Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. James Thompson
Mrs. Sophia Frerking
 By Whitewater Fellowship

Mrs. Grace Binford

Mrs. Grace June

Mrs. Orpha June

Mrs. Alma Burrows

By Udall Fellowship

Miss Agnes Emery

By Lawrence Fellowship

Mrs. Otto Colberg, Sr.

Mrs. W. F. Bayles

By Ellis Fellowship

Mrs. Clarence Davis

Mrs. Amber B. Lewis

By Topeka First Federation

Mrs. Annie E. Stanley

Mrs. Martha Shankle

Mrs. Maud W. Poppe

Mrs. Bessie Cain

By Topeka Central Women's
 Society

"**Puerto Rican Story**"—color film-strip with record. Shows our work at Ryder Hospital and Yuquiyu Rural Life Center.

"**Christmas in Puerto Rico**" — color filmstrip with script showing how Christmas is kept in this tropical land.

"**Visit to the City**"—color film-strip with script showing how Puerto Rican children live, as Maria a country girl visits her cousin in the city.

Concord Church

Dear Mrs. Lancaster:

The \$293.27 from the Woman's Gift of the Kansas women has come, and I wish to repeat our great sense of gratitude. The interest of the Kansas churches has been one of the truest encouragements to me and to the members of Concord, in our struggle to move forward. This gift is a symbol of that supportive interest.

Please convey to the women our thanks and our assurance, in reply, that it means much to us. We plan tentatively to be building about a year from now, and your gift will then prove one of the first starts toward blueprints and bricks.

Sincerely,

George K. Dreher, Pastor

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United Clothing Appeal

Help those who will be cold next fall and winter. Give WARMTH, DIGNITY AND SELF RESPECT to the needy overseas.

If possible send 8c per pound to cover shipping costs. Send to CHURCH WORLD SERVICE, 4165 Duncan Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Mount Hope

Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Kirkpatrick report 46 additions to membership since they began their ministry at Mount Hope Federated Church December 1st. A fine group of young people attended Wa-Shun-Ga and a successful V.C.S. was held June 2-13.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Cutting of Lenora announce the engagement of their daughter Kay to the Rev. Robert Shanks who is studying at Iliff School of Theology. An October wedding is planned.

LA FORET CONFERENCE

for

C.C. and E & R

LAYMEN and WOMEN

August 10-16, 1958

Total Cost \$28.50 per Person

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Married

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Brewster of Yankton, S.D., formerly of Manhattan, announce the marriage of their daughter Deborah to Mr. Michael R. Miller in N. Y. City on May 24. Debbie recently received a degree in Religious Education from Union Seminary.

Russell Calls Minister

At proof reading time we have just had word that the Rev. Ed Mehlhaff of St. John's Congregational Church of Lincoln, Nebraska has been given a unanimous call to serve the Russell-Gorham parish and will begin work there this fall.

Mr. Mehlhaff is a graduate of Yankton College and Seminary and Oberlin Graduate School of Theology. In Ohio he served the Brighton Church previously served by the Rev. Hans Poppe who is leaving Russell the last of June to give leadership to a new church project in Sioux Falls, S. D.

The Mehlhaff's have four children. We welcome them to our Kansas family and feel confident they will carry forward the work in this parish so greatly strengthened by the Poppe's.

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CALLING ALL LAYMEN

FIFTH ANNUAL

CHURCHMANSHIP WORKSHOP

Plymouth Church, Wichita

SEPTEMBER

Suggestions for Local Churches

Nature of the Church and the Place of the Laity in It.

1. Annual commitment of all members.
2. Annual evaluation of local church program.
3. Annual recognition of laity doing good work inside and outside the church.
4. Develop discipline for lay people.
5. Encourage small discussion groups.
6. Periodic survey of community of parish.
7. Give multiplicity of opportunities for service.
8. Periodic review of what church membership means.
9. Annual planning conference in each congregation.
10. Provide opportunities for meetings of church leaders and community leaders.
11. Urge parents to encourage children to consider church related vocations and to consider whatever vocation they enter as a Christian vocation.
12. Stress role of minister as a teacher.
13. Emphasize "entering church to worship and departing from church to serve."
14. Help members to understand Biblical and Theological terms.
15. Find ways to help people understand stewardship and their responsibility to give.
16. Increase sense of responsibility for work beyond the local church.



Maple Hill Parish Hall

For a number of years funds have been raised and set aside for a Parish Hall on the Maple Hill Church grounds to replace the old frame church, more than two blocks away, which was used for this purpose.

Construction on the new building was begun in September 1957 and completed for use in March of 1958. The building, constructed of Haydite blocks, is 32' x 72' and contains a modern kitchen, rest rooms, pastor's office and large social room. The estimated cost of the completed building is about \$8500.00. Still to be completed before dedication, are landscaping, waterproofing of the outside walls, parking area and some cement work.

The building was begun under the leadership of the late Bob Corbin, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Moderator of Maple Hill Church. The pastor is the Rev. Dean Williams, who has been serving the Maple Hill Church on a part time basis while training as a chaplain at Topeka State Hospital.

Have Incorporated

The Congregational Home for the Aged to be built in Topeka was recently incorporated by representatives of the four Congregational Churches in the Capitol city. The following officers were elected: Warren Williams-

President; J. Churchill Sargent and Mel Falley—Vice Presidents; Herb Binger—Treasurer and Mrs. George Rinner—Secretary.

What You Do In Mexico

In Mexico we lived in a house
of crumbling brick and mortar
Because our furniture didn't come
as soon as it order.

In Mexico you boil your water.

In Mexico we go to market to buy
our fruits and provisions
That's where all the farmers come
and men that have been fishin'
In Mexico you carry a basket.

We sent our kids all off to school
which brought them no understand-
ing.

Because you see their English speech
they simply couldn't abandon.
In Mexico you speak Spanish.

In Mexico this sunny land—
we nearly froze to death.

In our house there was no heat—
You could almost see your breath.
In Mexico you carry a blanket.

We drive a car quite old and blue—
it is a Studebaker.

It knocks and jerks and bumps around—
we hope it holds together.

In Mexico—it's Mexalina!

The Bill Keeney Family

Exchange Student

Gary Rumsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Rumsey of Almena recently returned from a school year spent in Guatemala as an IFYE (International Farm Youth Exchange) student. Gary has been a student at K-State and will return to school there this fall. He recently gave an interesting talk with illustrated colored slides to the Lenora and Almena Laymen's Fellowships.

The Charles Holbrook Library
Pacific School of Religion
1708 Scenic Ave.
Berkeley 9, Calif.

Garfield Church Disbands

The Garfield Congregational Church, at its annual meeting, authorized the Board of Trustees to dispose of the church property and disband. Situated in a small, declining, over-churched community, this church has found it impossible to carry on with strength and vigor for a number of years. In recent years it has been yoked with Kinsley with the Rev. Malcolm White as minister.

Established in 1875 the church had a history of worthwhile service to the community for many years. The present building was constructed during the ministry of the Rev. W. E. Dull, now of Topeka Seaman. The beautiful stained glass windows will be given for use in the contemplated new building at Seaman, if arrangements can be made.

The church bell was given by President Garfield in recognition of this being the first church established in the town given his name. Plans are being made for its placement in the Garfield Park.

Previous to disbanding, possibilities of establishing a Federated or Community type church were thoroughly explored.

However, the church interests of the remaining members were so divided that this seemed impossible. Each member will be given transfer to the church of their choice. It is hoped that all members will soon find a church home nearby, and add strength by their service.

The church building was offered first to the town of Garfield for municipal purposes and then to the Kinsley Congregational Church. Neither of these organizations cared to assume responsibility for the properties. By vote of the church the property was deeded to the State Conference subject to settlement of the mortgage to the Church Building Society. The Conference Property Committee, Mr. Roscoe Graves, Chairman, is making plans for its disposition.

Accepts New Position

Colonel Glenn Witherspoon USAF, will take over as Director of the Chaplains and Service Personnel for the National Council of Churches on July 1st with headquarters in Washington, D. C. Mr. Witherspoon went into the Chaplaincy in 1940 after serving our McPherson Church for a number of years.